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Mr. John N. Sabo
City Clerk
City of Taylor
23555 Goudara Road
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Dear Mr. Sabo:

I have been asked to comment on Resolution Number 7.771-84, adopted by the Taylor City Council on July 3, 1984.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the Michigan Office of Attorney General, and the U.S. Department of Justice were all involved in the negotiations with BASF Wyandotte Corporation regarding appropriate remedies at the "Federal Marine Terminal" site in Riverview, Michigan. I assure you that we negotiated the best voluntary cleanup action possible, given the facts of the case.

The remedy provides for a clay cap to prevent generation of leachate, and site monitoring for 30 years. These requirements were negotiated to ensure that the site will not pose any present or future adverse impacts on human health or the environment. The U.S. EPA and MDNR will carefully review all monitor well data, and would react quickly if data were to indicate any migration of contaminants or significant increase in contaminant concentrations.

I must strongly emphasize that this settlement does not preclude future development of the property. In fact, our negotiators established a set of provisions within the Consent Decree to provide for new uses of the property. The Consent Decree established standards for human health and environmental protection; the property could be further developed or used if the same standards are met. We can envision a wide range of potential uses for this property, with attendant benefits for all of the Downriver communities.

The settlement in the BASF Wyandotte matter was a product of hard work and long consideration of a great many issues. I believe you will find that this Consent Decree will serve your community well. It does, in fact, provide for economic growth and development, without sacrificing human health and the environment.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,

RS for VJA
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Vaidas V. Adamkus
Regional Administrator

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